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SUBJ: REINTERMENT OF ISRAELI SOLDIERS KILLED IN OCTOBER WAR

1. REINTERMENT IN PERMANENT GRAVES OF 1,830 ISRAELI SOLDIERS KILLED IN OCTOBER WAR WAS COMPLETED SEPTEMBER 15, JUST BEFORE JEWISH NEW YEAR. TRANSFER OF BODIES BURIED IN TEMPORARY GRAVES BEGAN AUGUST 11. DURING THE TWO-MONTH OPERATION, CARRIED OUT BY THOUSANDS OF RESERVISTS, 111 GENERALS WERE HELD DAILY IN 216 PERMANENT CEMETARIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

2. OF 2,499 MEN KILLED IN OCTOBER WAR, 1,837 WERE BURIED IN TEMPORARY GRAVES DUE TO WARTIME EXISGENCIES. TRANSFER OF REMAINING SEVEN BODIES STILL IN TEMPORARY GRAVES HAS BEEN DELAYED AT REQUEST OF FAMILIES UNTIL RELATIVES ABROAD CAN BE PRESENT FOR FUNERAL. BODIES OF SOLDIERS WHO DIED IN HOSPITALS WERE ORIGINALLY BURIED IN PERMANENT GRAVES.

3. PRESS REPORTS 56 MEN STILL MISSING, WITH BODIES OF 42 MEN BELIEVED TO BE IN TERRITORY NOW UNDER EGYPTIAN CONTROL. PRESS NOTES THAT EGYPTIANS ARE WITHHOLDING SEARCH FOR BODIES
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